

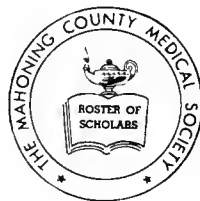
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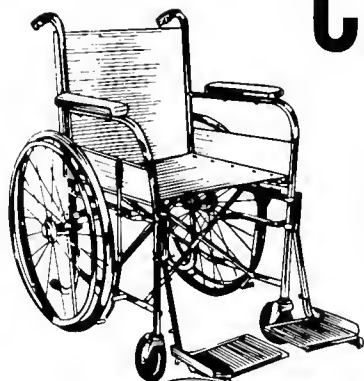
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From the Desk of the President



A few years ago at a meeting in Colorado Springs, Dr. David Patton of Houston, Texas stated that soon airborne vehicles fully equipped with computerized laboratory, EKG, X-Ray and other sophisticated equipment with technicians present would fly into towns and villages to do complete physicals on patients. The results obtained would be relayed to their doctors. I questioned the wisdom of this mechanical impersonal means of diagnosis.

Last year I attended a meeting sponsored by the AMA in Chicago concerning Manpower problems. Again I learned of mobile units that fly or drive in California, Washington and other states for the same purpose. This type of program was heartily endorsed by bureaucrats, physicians' assistants and some doctors to alleviate the shortage of physicians.

Recently in Ohio unsolicited Multiphasic Screening Tests are being conducted by third party agreements with management as an additional fringe benefit to organized labor. These results are mailed to the family physicians.

In an editorial by Ned Parrish, who is retiring as the President of the National Association of Blue Shield Plans, a list of projections based on the Delphi technique were submitted.

They are the following:

EVENTS	PREDICTED DATE
1. The U.S. population has reached 300 million.	1990
2. Patients in special risk groups—weak hearts, diabetes, etc, carry computer monitored radio-transmitting devices to warn of changes in body functions.	1990
3. Machines now routinely analyze all body fluids and functions and prepare diagnostic reports and summaries.	1980-1994
4. Capacity to detect many diseases in embryo.	1980
5. Physicians now must undergo compulsory re-examination and relicensing.	1984
6. In most cases well-equipped and well-trained teams of nurses or doctors make emergency house calls with mobile labs, computer controlled.	1985
7. A computer-based medical record bank covers 80 percent of the U.S. population and gives ready, accurate access to full medical records.	1987

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Editorial

PEER REVIEW

There need not be anything antipathetical among community medicine, peer review and PSRO. The concept of peer review is accepted and encouraged by physicians. The PSRO is a means of further defining the standards for peer review. This should make the job of the utilization review committees that much simpler. It would also help the physician in regard to defining need for hospitalization or surgery. Although there are certainly controversial areas that may present significant obstacles.

As government mandated PSRO now stands, it is merely a means of fiscal review. But if it is properly developed, there need not be anything inimical about it. If the hospitals perform their utilization review on all patients, then the material the government wants will be automatically available for extraction.

This function of peer review should certainly be accomplished by the physician staff of a hospital. In defining one's peers as one's equals, then assuredly the hospital staff should review its own members. Again we are talking about a different way of approaching utilization (or peer) review. Simply because the government is requiring the process does not automatically make it dysfunctional to our practice. We can adapt it to our own best uses. This is a basis for rejecting the third party review option. In that situation we would not be reviewing ourselves.

The setting of standards can be accomplished at a community level but needs to be approved by the government. So we do have positive input. Writing the standards can be a challenging task. The program has to be prepared in such a way that a non-physician reading a chart can identify the important facets. This necessitates clear exposition of the problem in the chart by the physician. Even further it requires parameters in some areas that are not easily measurable.

As an example, consider adenotonsillectomy. Here is an area of sometimes extreme polarization. Some physicians feel there are practically no positive indications for this surgery, while others are very liberal in regard to recommending excision. The proper answer is somewhere in the middle—but where? Are three episodes in one year sufficient? Must it be documented and treated by a physician? Must there be positive bacterial cultures? The

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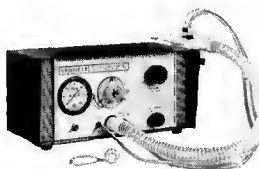
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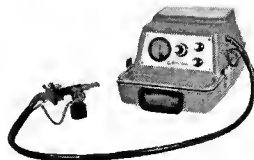


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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

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EVENTS	PREDICTED DATE
8. Medical-social decisions are now based on accepted "qualitative" or "happiness" measures of the quality of life rather than on morbidity or mortality.	1985
9. Medical industry activities now account for more than 20 percent of GNP.	1994

"These projections provide interesting food for thought." I grant that advancements have been made, many of great benefit to our patients and doctors. However, is the younger generation of physicians becoming too dependent on these contrivances? Have they lost the art of personal observation, examination, compassion, rapport and love for our patients? Have robot mechanics replaced honest physical diagnoses?

We have five senses. It was a joy and a challenge to develop them in college, medical school and private practice.

All of us have seen patients succumb to the syndrome — "Atrophy of disuse." Will the younger physician develop this syndrome too? Will they be lost when the computers break down? I have seen it happen.

With a new medical school in the offing, let's insist that the students and house physicians try to make diagnosis first without consulting the laboratory reports and latest innovations. Let's encourage them to use the five senses controlled by the greatest computers ever created, incased in our craniums, placed there by God.

—William E. Sovik, M.D.
President

Editorial

PEER REVIEW

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list of required and optional points becomes a matter of judgment and debate. Similarly, attempting to fit a patient into a given category may be a difficult process.

However, the dialogue that arises from codifying such standards should benefit everyone involved. If we reach a consensus, then there can be little confusion among primary physicians, specialists and patients. This "cook book medicine" can be as good or as bad as we allow it to be. After all, what is the currently published literature but updates and changes in the "cook book" that each of us carries in his head or on his shelf. Is it so bad that it becomes written?

A major concern might be the stultifying effect of such rules. If they are too rigid, then there would be little area for local individual growth and development. To obviate this concern we should vigorously apply ourselves to having our own local standards become the accepted standards for our community.

We must confront big government when its programs are hostile, but we can utilize programs that have an acceptable basic tenet.

—J. A. Lambert, M.D.
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The tenth annual Scholarship Dinner was held Thursday, April 8, at Ramada Inn—too late to be reported in this month's *Bulletin*. Fifty-five students were honored from 25 area high schools. Their names are published on the opposite page. Speaker was Dr. L. P. Caccamo, member of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Chairman was Dr. G. Robert Barton. A number of doctors and their wives attended as hosts for the students. Each student received a pin and a certificate enrolling him or her in the Medical Society's "Roster of Scholars."

DEAN LIEBELT ADDRESSES MCMS



Drs. Sovik, Liebelt, Caccamo.

Dr. Robert A. Liebelt, Dean of Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, speaking at the March 16th meeting, gave an insight as to the curriculum, special plans and problems and the relationship to hospitals and the medical community being outlined for the budding medical school.

He stressed the early involvement of medical students into actual patient-doctor and hospital settings which will give them more exposure to medical practice than students are receiving at conventional medical schools. He expressed a great deal of enthusiasm for the opportunities for more practical medical education under what is essentially an entirely new concept—the consortium approach to a medical school.

Dr. Liebelt was introduced by Dr. George Dietz, program chairman. Special guests were Mrs. Liebelt, and Dr. L. P. Caccamo, member of the Board of Trustees of the Medical School. Dr. William E. Sovik, president, presided.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Back in 1936, Dr. L. G. Coe was president. In a plea for all to help to make a success of our Post Graduate Day, he once said, "We should be complaisant but we cannot afford to be complacent."

I remember George R. Mathes being irritated at the doctors. They had done so much "free work," that the general public had gradually gotten the idea that it didn't make much difference if they didn't pay the doctor's bill. The doctors didn't, in many instances, send bills. But the depression came along and it put medicine on a sounder economic basis and gave laymen a much needed education in the necessity of paying for medical treatment.

That year, Dr. Sam Sedwitz installed a pavex machine at the North Side Hospital. How many of you know what *that* is? Antiphlogistine was used in carrying the patient safely through the crisis of pneumonia. McKelvey's featured new suits, "The Duke of York," for \$25, \$30 and \$35.

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FORTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1936

President Coe invited the members' attention to the prevention of diphtheria, noting that there was a yearly incidence of 138 cases with 16 deaths from the disease. He urged the members to get behind Elmer Nagel's Public Health Committee which was promoting pre-school immunizations.

Dr. Dave Smeltzer warned Council that if the *Bulletin* were sued, each member of the Society would be liable. He was authorized to proceed to incorporate the *Bulletin*.

Dr. Elmer Wenaas and R. W. Rummell were elected members of the Society. The late Dr. Sidney McCurdy was appointed Medical Director of the Ohio Industrial Commission.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1946

President Reilly reported that our Legislative Committee was making progress in their work for a full time Health Commissioner for Youngstown.

The "Five Day Cure" for syphilis was the latest thing. Dr. P. J. McOwen in his article on "Treatment of Syphilis" described the "Five Day Drip Method" and the "Multiple Injections By Syringe Technique" both of them providing massive doses of Mapharsen in a short time for the rapid cure of syphilis. He noted that the mortality rate in one treatment center was 1 to 200 which was very high. He said penicillin therapy was rapidly replacing arsenicals the first choice in treatment.

Dr. Arthur Rappoport in his article on "Study of Anemia" said that the red blood count and hemoglobin tests were inadequate to determine the classification of the anemias. He recommended: 1. Total red count, 2. Hemoglobin in grams as well as per cent, 3. Mean corpuscular volume, 4. Mean Corpuscular hemoglobin, 5. Mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration, 6. Packed cell volume.

Service records of Lt. Col. Stephen Ondash, Major Sidney Davidow, Commander Alfred Cukerbaum were reported. Ondash has 5 battle stars, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Meritorious Unit Award. Davidow was in the invasion of Attu in 1943 and the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. Cukerbaum served in New Zealand and the Hebrides, 46 months in the Navy.

Government restrictions on the use of penicillin had been lifted, but doctors were warned about its indiscriminate use. One or two cases of unpleasant reaction following penicillin injections had been reported.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1956

President DeCicco wrote a fine article to Dr. Wm. Skipp who died in March. Dr. Skipp was a former President of the Medical Society, the Medical-Dental Bureau and was the second Mahoning County member to be President of the Ohio State Medical Association. He was a bundle of energy and at the time of his death was Ohio Delegate to the A.M.A.

Dr. Skipp and this writer were internes at the Youngstown Hospital in 1918. I was his greatest admirer and still think he did more than anyone in his day to promote the usefulness and prestige of the M.C.M.S.

TEN YEARS AGO — APRIL 1966

Medicare was scheduled to start July first. There was voluble discussion in the staff rooms, in the Committee meetings and in the *Bulletin* about what we should do about it. To hear some doctors talk, we would be practicing in

clanking chains and be scourged to our dungeons at nightfall. Thanks to the efforts of the A.M.A. we were given a choice of assignment (participation) or non-assignment (non-participation).

New members that month were: Karl T. Baumgaertel, James R. Hill, Vincent T. Wrobel.

—J. L. F.

AMA SPEAKER IN MAY



Tom E. Nesbitt, M.D.

The Mahoning County Medical Society has secured an outstanding speaker from the American Medical Association to address the May 18th meeting. He is Dr. Tom E. Nesbitt, Speaker of the House of Delegates of the AMA.

He has served as a member of the Committee on Private Practice, the AMA Speakers Bureau on National Health Insurance and several AMA Reference Committees.

He was born in Mangum, Oklahoma, in 1923. A graduate of the Southwestern Medical College of the University of Texas in Dallas, Dr. Nesbitt served his internship, two-year surgical residency and three-year urology residency at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Dr. Nesbitt practiced urology in Milwaukee for three years before moving to Nashville in 1957. He is in private practice there.

He was vice-president and speaker of the House of Delegates, Tennessee State Medical Association, before being elected president of that organization in 1970. He also

served as president of the American Association of Clinical Urologists. He is serving now as vice-chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Professional Relations Committee of the American Urological Association.

This is an unusual opportunity for our members to hear and talk directly with the AMA about that organization's stand in relationship to many matters that are of current interest. Invitations will be issued to county medical societies in the 6th and 12th Districts to enable their members to hear Dr. Nesbitt.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Youngstown Club, as usual. Wives of members, and guests, are cordially invited. A flyer will be sent to every member with a return slip for making dinner reservations.

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BERNARD F. DREILING, M.D.

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Dr. Bernard F. Dreiling, General Practitioner and Surgeon, died of influenza, Friday, February 27, 1976 at Hollywood, Florida. He was 78.

Dr. Dreiling was born in Victoria, Kansas, where he attended grade school. He attended St. Francis College, which was a high school in Quincy, Illinois. He took his pre-med at St. Louis University, and received his M.D. degree there in 1920. He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1920-22, and then opened an office on East Federal St., later moving to Central Tower in association with Dr. Brady, a cardiologist. His office was finally located at 1626 Mahoning Ave.

Dr. Dreiling retired in 1966 and devoted considerable time to his farm on Leffingwell Rd. where he engaged in raising beef cattle. He was presented the 50-year award of the Ohio State Medical Association in 1970.

He was a member of the Elks Club, Knights of Columbus Council 274, St. Columba Parish, and the Msgr. John W. Kulte General Assembly.

An earlier *Bulletin* editor described him as "energetic, hard working, straight-forward, honest and a 'solid' citizen." He gave much to this community. His passing is observed with sadness.

BICENTENNIAL ASSESSMENT ADOPTED

At the regular March meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society, held at the Youngstown Club on Tuesday, March 16, members voted to adopt a motion of Council calling for a \$10 assessment from each member of the Medical Society to finance several special projects in conjunction with the nation's bicentennial celebration.

The Bicentennial Committee, chaired by Dr. John Melniek and Dr. Jack Schreiber, was given leeway to explore suitable projects. Those now under consideration are the restoration of the grave marker of Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, first president of the Mahoning County Medical Society; a memorial marker on Dutton Drive in honor of Dr. Charles Dutton, Youngstown's first physician; and presentation of extra large reproductions of the composite photo to the hospitals for lobby display.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

March 9, 1976

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, March 9, 1976.

Dr. Pichette, Sixth District Councilor, discussed a legislative bill which would give the Ohio Department of Insurance the right to force Blue Cross to act as overseer of hospital expenses.

Dr. Tandatnick introduced discussion concerning the Regional Hemophilia Program. Dr. Wiltsie and Dr. Squicquero spoke concerning the working of the program. Some minor problems are in the process of being resolved.

The suggestion was made by Dr. Lambert that the Mahoning County Medical Society publish its own directory of physicians. The secretary was directed to check with the American Medical Association to see if this is ethical and feasible.

A report from the Scholarship Dinner Committee stated that preparations are on schedule and that they have all of the students' names. Several members of Council agreed to attend the Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, April 8, at Ramada Inn.

A report from the Canfield Fair Committee announced that all of the exhibitors will attend a meeting on March 18 to discuss plans for the 1976 Fair.

Dr. Sovik called attention to the Colonial Williamsburg Ball to be held at the Youngstown Country Club on Saturday, April 3, and asked for support for the Auxiliary which is making arrangements for the annual dinner-dance.

Mr. Rcmpes made a report on the meeting of county medical executives which he attended at Columbus on Feb. 18th. Some of the subjects covered were PSRO, the Health Systems Agency, the State Health Department's role in both, the AMA position on PSRO. Speakers included representatives of MAI, AMA, OSMa and the State Health Department.

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May 24

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May 25

B. B. Burrowes

May 26

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May 27

G. B. Pugh

May 28

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C. H. McGowen

May 30

H. L. Allen
C. A. Gustafson

May 31

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June 3

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June 4

H. B. Hutt
H. H. Ipp
R. D. Arnott
J. Schreiber
R. A. Wiltsie

June 5

A. M. Rosenblum
G. L. River
N. S. Natividad

June 6

E. R. Brody
E. Shapira Bloomberg
R. Cossette

June 8

A. DiDomenico
G. G. Nelson
E. R. Ebie

June 9

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J. Noll
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June 10

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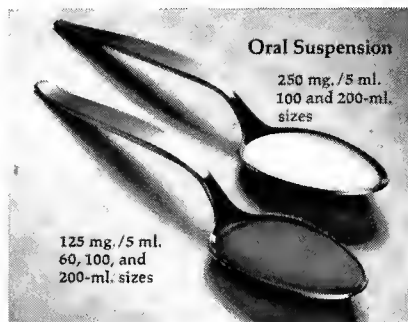
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